

HAPPY HOUR

Gospel Stories



Messages of the Love of God



General Flores' Conversion

GENERAL FLORES was commander-in-chief of 20,000 Bolivian troops in the Chaco war between Bolivia and Paraguay. In the space of three years 60,000 men died in that awful jungle conflict.

A missionary, who was also a chaplain, used to preach the gospel to the men as they moved up to the trenches, at any hour of the day or night.

General Flores himself took a real interest in the gospel. He and his staff would sit around on munition boxes and listen while the missionary preached to them of God's love in sending His Son Jesus into this world to die for sinful men. He told them too of judgment to come.

One verse the missionary quoted that seemed especially to awaken in the general his need of Christ was Hebrews 2:3: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3.

One evening he preached from the verse, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

"General," said the missionary, "you have escaped the bullets and the bombs these three years, but there's one thing you cannot escape."

"What is that," asked the general. "You cannot escape the judgment of God."

He was deeply impressed, that proud officer. Then he said, "I must make peace with God. I'm going to get on my knees and pray." They both got down on their knees and that night the general found Christ, for before he got up again he had confessed Him as his Saviour. Praise God!

After the war General Flores said to his Christian friend, "I want you to come to the capital, La Paz. I have a wife and an only daughter; they're both unsaved. I will make arrangements for you to come to my home with the gospel of Christ; and I want you to preach the gospel to my wife and daughter." The missionary went and had the great joy of leading them both to the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometime later General Flores left the capital and took charge of a large army on the Brazilian Frontier. Then the missionary got word that his friend and brother in Christ was gone. He was hit by a poisoned arrow fired by an Indian from one of those tribes that live on frontier.

But sudden death is sudden glory for the Christian, and so dear old



General Flores went home to be with Christ. He'll see his dear wife and daughter, and his missionary friend, with all the redeemed, "in the morning."



Juiji, The Japanese Boy

Juiji was just five years old when his father died. His death made a deep impression on the little fellow's mind. He would lay awake at night thinking about death and the great beyond.

The gods he was taught to worship gave him no comfort. He did not know about the true and living God and Jesus His Son. One day in despair Juiji cried out loud, "O God, help me. I am so helpless!"

At school the next day he asked his teacher, "What god helps us when someone dies?" His teacher said he didn't know of any such god.

One day Juiji met a missionary who spoke to the little boy about the true and living God and His dear Son, Jesus, who died that we might live. How happy Juiji was to learn that Jesus gives eternal life to every one who owns and confesses Him as Saviour.

This was just what Juiji wanted, just what he had been looking for for so long. He trusted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, and gave himself up to serving Him. For many years he went about telling others of what Jesus had done for him and that He gives eternal life to all who receive him by faith into their hearts.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." John 10:27,28.

BIBLE MINERALS AND STONES

The following minerals, metals and precious stones are to be found in this Bible word search. They are across, up and down, backwards and diagonal. Try to find them and circle each when you find it.

AGATE - Ex. 28
BRASS - Num. 21
RUBY - Prov. 3
SALT - Gen. 19
SAND - Gen. 22
SILVER - Ex. 25
STEEL - Psa. 18
CLAY - John 9
COPPER - Ezra 8:27
IRON - Judg. 4
CRYSTAL - Rev. 21
DIAMOND - Ex. 28
LIGURE - Ex. 28
TOPAZ - Ex. 28
LEAD - Ex. 15
TIN - Isa. 1
STONE - Ex. 15
EMERALD - Rev. 21

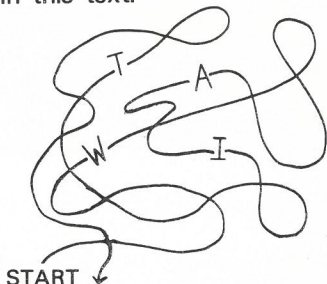


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FOR LITTLE FOLKS



Follow the lines to find the missing word in this text.



----- on the Lord.
Psalm 27:14

A Wonderful Secret



JESUS asked His disciples one day who they thought He was, and it was Peter who answered the question.

When He asked, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" the disciples answered, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." For people then were much like people now, and some said one thing, and some said another.

But when Jesus asked, "But whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus had called Himself the Son of man, and He was indeed Man; but Peter knew that He was the Christ, the Messiah for whom they had been waiting, God's chosen and anointed Man, truly Man — and yet, the Son of the living God.

Peter had not found this out for himself; he had been with Jesus and seen the wonderful things He did, but even so, Peter could never have known that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, if it had not been revealed to him. Jesus said to him, "Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jonas; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven."

And then Jesus said to him, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Peter's name meant a *stone*, and Jesus tells him the wonderful secret that He is going to build His church, not with stones, like those men use in building, but with stones like

Peter himself, with men, women and children who confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

When Jesus told Peter He was going to build His church upon "this rock," He went on to say, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

When Jesus went down into death, He *died*, and it looked as though Satan had gained the victory, as though the Rock of Ages had been overthrown. But the power of hell was broken by Jesus' death, and on the third day He arose.

He rose from the dead, and ascended up into heaven and sat down at God's right hand as the mighty Victor over death and Satan's power.

This is why the gates of hell can never, never prevail against the church which He is building on the Rock.

Consider the Ravens



A man was riding along in front of a hotel one day when he accidentally ran over his fine Newfoundland dog's foot. While Roger's crushed foot was being examined and bound up, Blackie, a pet raven who belonged to the hotel keeper, kept hopping about and showed great interest in the proceedings.

Roger was tied up in the corner of the barn for the night, and all the while Blackie waited on him in the kindest possible manner. He even went and brought him some bones lest his noble friend should get hungry.

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Thus a deep affection sprang up between the two. One night the stable door was closed. Blackie pecked away at the bottom of the door so that by morning the hole was nearly large enough for him to get through into the barn.

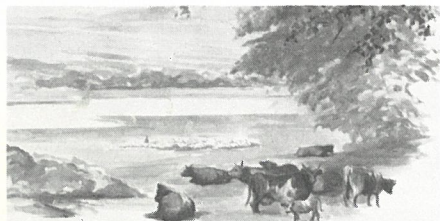
This story of Blackie reminds us of the ravens which brought Elijah the prophet food in his time of need. It was God who caused them to do so, for He never forgets His own,

and He was caring for His servant (1 Kings 17).

The Lord Jesus comforted His followers with these words: "Consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls!" Luke 12:24.

Happy are you, dear reader, if you can say, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Bible Talks



The Song of Moses
Deuteronomy 32:13-18

MOSES goes on to sing of sovereign grace that had taken up Israel and cared for them from beginning to end — everything was of the Lord.

"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye."

"He found him" — "He led him" — "He instructed him" — and "He kept him." It was all *His* doing. Surely this tells of His grace with us.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

"He instructed him" — but what slow learners we are! May the Lord help us to be better scholars in divine things, more easy to teach and quick to learn.

"He kept him as the apple of His eye." "The apple of the eye" is a beautiful figure of speech and portrays to our minds the very choicest of one's treasures. How tenderly God cherishes every one of His children, no matter how weak and feeble we may be. It also suggests that part of the eye to be especially guarded and so tells of His loving watchful care over each one of us.

So dear, so very dear to God,

More dear I cannot be;
The love wherewith He loves the Son,

Such is His love to me.
Why should I ever careful be,
Since such a God is mine?

He watches o'er me night and day,
And tells me, "Thou art Mine."

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him."

Like the mother eagle, the Lord knows when to stir up our nest. How prone we are to settle down and be comfortable in our earthly circumstances! But He wants us to be heavenly-minded, to rise on our wings of faith above this world, to bask in the sunshine of His love and enjoy the pure air of that heavenly scene where He dwells — our heavenly home. Then if we get faint or fearful in the midst of the difficulties and trials of the way, His everlasting arms of love bear us up and carry us onward to our heavenly rest.

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**A
Thief
Saved**

CAFFRE was a fine, tall athletic young man in Africa. At times he had attended the mission services and had sat under the gospel. But Caffre was not a Christian; often he yielded to the voice of the tempter and went on in his sinful ways.

One day it came into his mind to steal a horse from the white men in the village, a common practice among his tribe. So leaving home one night he walked into town and there he saw some fine horses tethered and grazing in a clearing. Seizing one of them Caffre started out for home as fast as he could, pleased to think he had not been seen.

As he rode along, all at once he heard a voice inside him say, "Thou shalt not steal." Caffre stopped; he could go no further.

"What is this?" he said to himself. "I've heard these words often from the missionary, but I never felt as I do now. It must be the voice of God."

Getting off the horse, he held the bridle in his hand, wondering whether he should go on home or return and restore the horse to its owner. Almost an hour passed by. At last he decided to take the horse back and this he did. Then truly repentant he set off for home, determined to serve God from then on. But he could not sleep that night thinking of his sinful past life. The arrows of conviction stuck fast in his conscience.

The very next day he took one of his cattle and taking it to a nearby village he sold it. With the money he bought a nice outfit so that he could attend the services and listen to the Word of God.

But all this did not make Caffre a Christian nor wash away even one of his sins. Not until he came to the Saviour confessing his guilt, did he receive forgiveness and then he felt the burden on his soul was gone. Caffre became a happy Christian, a faithful follower of his Saviour and a blessing to his people.



**Harry and the
Beans**

"HARRY," said his father one day, "I want you to take this bag of beans, and plant them in rows in the garden, like I will

show you." He then showed Harry how to sprinkle a few beans down each row, and to cover them over with soft moist earth. His father had other work to do so he left Harry by himself.

Harry worked away for a while, and then he sat down to play. As he played he tipped the bag over and the beans spilled all over the ground. At once he set about to pick them up, but there were so many scattered over the ground that soon Harry became tired. Then the thought came to him that if he covered up what was left with dirt, no one would ever know he spilled them. Finally he got the rest of the beans planted and went home.

As the days went by he often thought of the beans he had spilled, but he did not tell his father. Then one day his father went out to the garden to see if the beans were coming up. He saw several straight

rows of little plants pushing their heads above the ground. But where did all these come from that were in a patch by themselves, growing so thickly together? Harry did not need to tell his father what he had done. He guessed at once what had happened.

Harry was sorry for what he had done, and he learned a lesson that day he did not forget, for his father spoke to him of the foolishness of trying to cover up his failure and sin. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32:23.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:7,9.

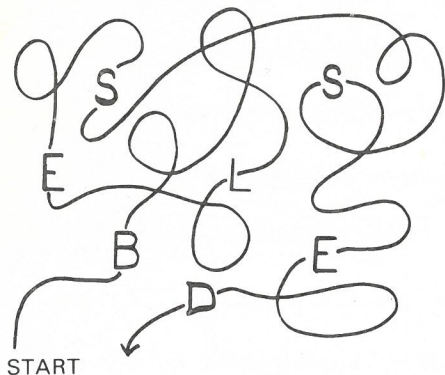
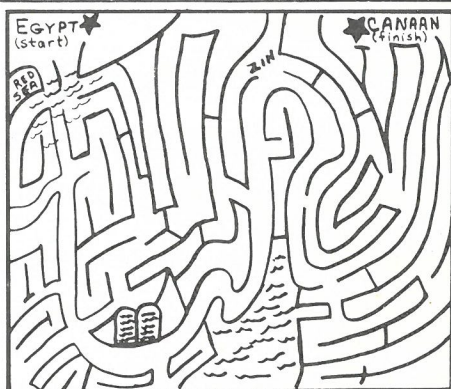
FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN

God led His people Israel all through the wilderness to their promised land. And God is leading His people now through this wilderness world to their home in heaven.

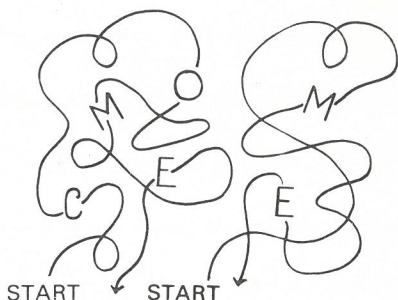
Starting at Egypt in this puzzle, see if you can find the way from Egypt to Canaan.

A BIBLE MESSAGE

Follow the lines to help you find the missing words in these texts.



----- is the man that
trusteth in Him. Psalm 34:8



----- unto --, all ye that labor,
and are heavy laden. Matthew 11:28

The Infidel and His Books



INFIDELS are often bold in blaspheming God and ridiculing the Bible when things are going along smoothly, but when trouble or danger appears how often their courage vanishes.

During a gale on Lake Erie once, a ship named the Robert Fulton was wrecked and many lost their lives. On board was an atheist with a box of books he intended to distribute among those who listened to his infidel lectures.

The man was loud and clamorous in proclaiming his atheistic views until the gale came on. Then like the rest of the passengers he was silent and trembling, anxiously awaiting the uncertain fate of the ship. The huge waves struck the boat and rolled over the deck. Even as they neared shore, pounded by the mighty waves the whole forward part of the ship broke apart and the water poured into the cabins.

A passenger who was saved told of how the infidel was on his knees crying for mercy. His voice could be heard above the raging elements begging the Lord to forgive his blasphemies, till a heavy sea swept over the deck, and carried him and his books to the bottom.

Whether the poor wretched man found the forgiveness he sought in his last moments eternity alone will reveal. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Gen. 18:25. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the

hands of the living God." Heb. 10:31. How much better to humbly bow before Him, to own His claims and accept His salvation by trusting in Christ as Saviour, before it is too late! "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

A Converted Gypsy



Sarah was a gypsy and for years she had made a living telling fortunes at fairs and street corners. But one day she had met the Saviour and charmed by His love she had opened her heart to Him and was brightly converted. No longer did she practice her art of fortune telling, but her New Testament became her most valued treasure on earth.

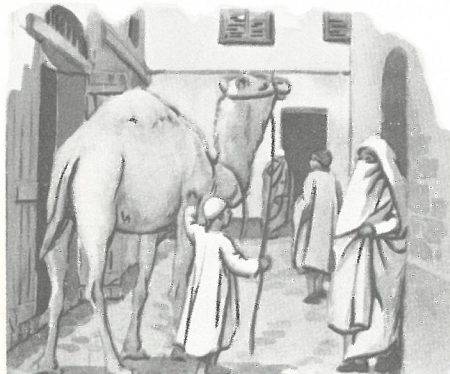
One day she called at the home of an old couple she had known and they served her a cup of tea. The old lady told her visitor she was glad she had come as she had not seen her for a long time. And then she went on to tell of many things another gypsy had told her, things that would happen in her life, and so on.

"Don't believe her," said Sarah. "It's all lies. She doesn't know anything more about the future than you do."

The old lady was astonished and asked Sarah how it was that she who had so often told their fortunes and promised them good luck, could be so changed now.

Taking her New Testament from her pocket Sarah replied so sweetly, "It's all different now. The Lord has saved me, and I have learned from this blessed Book that 'All liars shall have their portion in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone' (Rev. 21:8). I'd rather starve than tell people's fortunes again."

The Eye of a Needle



THE DISCIPLES were sometimes very much surprised by what Jesus did and said, and one day His words made them "exceedingly amazed."

They had always thought it was easier for rich people to be saved than for poor people. Now Jesus was saying that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

You see, the disciples had forgotten that a poor man only has God to trust in, while a rich man has his riches as well. Very often he trusts in riches and forgets God. It is a dreadful thing to trust only in riches and forget God, and it is only God who can so change a rich man's heart that he turns away from his riches to trust in God, *But God can do it.* When the disciples asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus answered, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Peter did a bit of thinking just

then, and then he said to Jesus, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" He wanted to know what reward they would get, would it be treasure in heaven, or treasure on earth, or both?

How graciously the Lord Jesus answered him. He knew they had all given up something already, and they would be found ready to give up more yet, even to laying down their lives for His sake and the gospel's. The reward He promised them would be great indeed: He promised them each a *throne*.

"Verily I say unto you," He said, "That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that has forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

There were twelve apostles and there will be twelve thrones, but when Jesus said "every one," He reached down to you and me. He promised that *every one* who gives up anything for His name's sake will be rewarded, will receive a hundred times as much now, and eternal life for his inheritance.

But though Jesus answered Peter so graciously, He gave him a warning, and the warning is for us too. He said, "But many first shall be last, and the last shall be first."

Go, labour on; spend, and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still!

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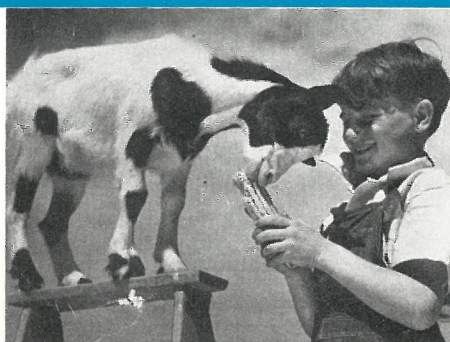
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Pierre, the Shepherd Boy

PIERRE was a young shepherd boy who with others about his age kept sheep and goats on the mountainside and hills during the summer months.

In the nearby mountain village a Christian man had built a little gospel mission where God's Word could be preached and the young instructed in the gospel.

Among the first who came to Sunday school was Pierre. He knew very little when he first came, but he became very interested after hearing the story of God's love for the first time. One Sunday afternoon just before he left he said to the lady teacher: "I would like so much to have a New Testament. While I look after the sheep and the goats I should be so happy to read the Testament as I lie on the grass in the sun."

They gladly gave him a New Testament, and Pierre went off with his treasure. The following week when he returned he gave them a happy surprise. "Jesus is mine," he said. He had read the

Book, he believed God's Word, and was truly saved.

The next time Pierre came to Sunday school he asked for a hymn book so that he might sing praises to God, and this too he received. Then the following week he brought a companion, Jean. Jean also believed and was saved.

In the weeks that followed, the old roads and paths that wound through the forests and over the hills rang with the songs of a circle of happy shepherd boys who had believed the gospel. Many a happy day they spent there together, reading the Book that had given them light. Soon they were telling this wonderful story to others, whose hearts were also made glad by the joyful tidings?

O happy day, that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

Happy day! happy day!
When Jesus washed my sins away.
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day.
Happy day! happy day!
When Jesus washed my sins away.

He Died For Me



Twelve sailors were packed into a heavily loaded lifeboat after

Memory
Verse

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."
1 John 5:13

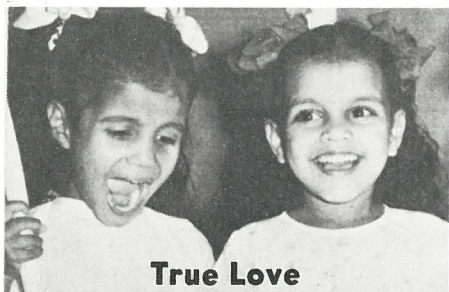
their ship had been wrecked. One of them deliberately jumped overboard to lighten the boat. The brave fellow perished, but eventually his eleven mates were saved.

For which of the eleven did he die?

If Christ died for all, He died for each one. He died for me; He died for you.

The sun shines for all mankind; but I know as a fact that it shines for me, and it would if not another soul survived.

"The Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.



True Love

IN INDIA a heartless Hindu father placed his motherless little baby girl by the side of the road and abandoned her. The helpless little thing was picked up and tenderly cared for by a Christian lady in a home where she and other rescued children were taught the sweet story of the Saviour's love. Rose is now 14, a bright Christian girl.

During the recent famine in India, a number of sick and starved little girls were brought to this Christian home. The mother appealed to the older girls to adopt as their special care one of these famine-stricken little children. Among the first to respond was

Rose, the gentle Christian girl who had once herself been an outcast. She did not choose the prettiest and most attractive baby, but a poor, thin wasted little thing. One of the other girls thoughtlessly asked, "Why did you choose one like that? She looks so funny!"

Rose answered so nobly. "To take a poor sad-looking little child instead of a pretty one is love."

Rose's choice reminds us of the love of the Lord Jesus who did not seek out the attractive, but the vile; not the righteous, but sinners. Think of this happy little foster mother with her little charge upon her knee and then recall those wonderful words,

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us." 1 John 4:10. When we were not good, not worthy of being loved and not wanting to be loved, still He loved us. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

"When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6.

The Story of the Laborers



THE LORD JESUS had just said that *every one* who gives up anything for His name's sake will receive a rich reward both in this life and in the life to come. But He also warned the disciples, and us too, saying, "Many first shall be last, and the last shall be first."

Then He told about a man who

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owned a vineyard, and went out early in the morning to hire laborers to work in His vineyard. When he had agreed to give them the usual wages, a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Three hours later he went out again and found other laborers standing idle in the market place, and he said to them, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." He went out again later on, and again yet later, and each time he found more men to send into his vineyard.

At last, when there was only one hour left before quitting time, he went out once more. Even then he found men who had been standing idle all day because no one had given them work. And he said unto them, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

When evening came the lord of the vineyard told his steward to call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with those who had been hired last. You can just imagine how delighted these were when they received every one a penny — wages for a whole day — when they had only worked one

hour. And you can imagine too how grateful they would be to such a good and kind master. They would feel like saying, "We will come tomorrow and work for you all day long just for love."

But when those who had been hired early in the morning came, they too received every man his penny, just as they had agreed upon. Then they began to grumble, because they had expected more.

They forgot that the lord of the vineyard could do as he pleased with what belonged to him, and they did not like it that those who worked but one hour should be made equal to themselves who had borne the burden and heat of the day — for that was how they looked at it. They had been first to serve, but they had counted service a burden, and because they were the last to be rewarded they murmured, and showed that they were the last in love.

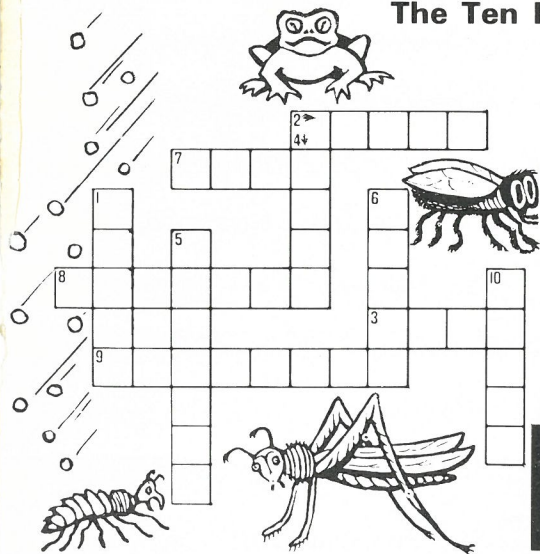
The Lord did not want Peter to be like that, and He does not want us to be like that either. He wants us to serve Him wholeheartedly, not because of the reward He has promised, but because we love Him.

The Ten Plagues

You can read about the 10 terrible plagues that fell on Egypt in Exodus 7 - 11. Fill in the name of each plague in the spaces below and in the cross word as well.

1. Ex. 7:17-25 _____
2. Ex. 8:1-15 _____
3. Ex. 8:16-19 _____
4. Ex. 8:20-32 _____
5. Ex. 9:1-7 _____
6. Ex. 9:8-12 _____
7. Ex. 9:13-35 _____
8. Ex. 10:12-15 _____
9. Ex. 10:21-23 _____
10. Ex. 11:1-6 _____

"MUCH MORE THEN, BEING NOW JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM."
— Rom. 5:9.



Out of the Mire



BEMVINDO was a young boy, born and raised in Brazil. He grew up to be a short but powerful young fellow, naturally courageous and very ready with his weapons. He spent some time in prison for one dark crime.

But one day two native gospel preachers came to Bemvindo's village and he invited them to have meetings in his home. His heart was opened to receive the blessed message, how that God so loved poor sinners like himself that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for their sins. Bemvindo believed; he was brightly saved, and became a faithful follower of Christ.

One evening as they were assembled in their hall for prayer, an old dark skinned native of nearly 100 years was passing by. He was a notorious old scoundrel, a spiritist who practiced "black magic." It happened that our friend Bemvindo was praying at that moment, and the old fellow stood outside, cursing and blaspheming at the door and open window, and disturbing the meeting. He then went on his way, and being the worse for drink, he fell into a mudhole some distance from the village. Here he got firmly stuck and could not get out. The more he struggled the deeper he sank in the mud.

Bemvindo had to pass that way on his way home and found the old fellow a fast prisoner. By this time Bemvindo was an evangelist who "sowed beside all waters," and what could offer a better opportunity? So he sat down beside the old man and preached the gospel to him. The prisoner in the mud could not get away from it, though it is doubtful if he appreciated the message just then, or thought it as "in season" as the preacher did.

Having finished his sermon, Bemvindo got hold of the old man, and by sheer force pulled him out of the mire. Then all wet and dirty as he was, he put him on his shoulders and carried him all the way home. The old fellow was amazed for he did not expect this kind of revenge for his conduct. He thought that at least he might have been left to die in the ditch. Bemvindo told him the Lord would do more for his soul, pulling him out of the mire of sin, and would carry him safely to that heavenly Home, prepared for those that love Him.

The old man came to the meeting to hear more. Finally the glorious light of the gospel flooded into his darkened soul and he was saved. With Christ now as his Saviour he threw away all his magic, and his conversion caused quite a sensation in the village. He never missed a meeting when he could get there, and his family too were all attending. They had to enlarge the hall for many more were coming to hear the gospel.

What wonderful stories of redeeming love will be told in heaven, when all the redeemed from every kindred and tongue and people and nation shall be gathered Home! And God is still saving souls and fitting them for heaven. Has His love won your heart yet, dear reader?

"I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

Messages of the Love of God



**"Not Afraid
Of The
Devil"**

JOE WAS a born leader, and things he said and did often impressed the young boys he played around with. One day he declared emphatically, "I'm not afraid of the devil!" And as to hell, well, he wasn't scared of that either. In fact, he said, "I'm not so sure that there is one!" With that Joe swaggered off leaving a bad impression on the minds of some of his young friends.

Joe's parents were dear Christians and they were deeply grieved that their boy had no interest in the Saviour they loved.

One night, not long after making his proud boast, Joe was out looking for some stray cows. It was during a thunderstorm and where should he find them but in the old cemetery next to the church. It was hard to round up the cows in the dark and guide them home, so he was glad of a flash of lightning now and then so he could see where he was going. Then one cow, more contrary than the others, took off in another direction and Joe swore as he rushed after her.

Suddenly he felt the ground dis-

appear underneath his feet and he was launched into mid air! Down, down, down he went! A great horror took hold of him - he thought he was falling straight down into hell. He remembered the swear words he had just uttered, and the proud boast made to his friends, and he felt that God in judgment had opened the mouth of hell, the bottomless pit, at his very feet.

It all happened in a moment of time! Then his feet struck the bottom and the fear of Satan adding impetus to his motions, he managed to scramble out of the hole almost as fast as he went in.

The next day Joe learned that he had fallen into a freshly dug grave, not yet used. The mystery was solved but the experience sobered Joe not a little. He discovered that he was afraid of the devil and that deep down in his soul he did believe in hell, but he was not at all willing to go there.

The experience he had that stormy night was God's way of preparing his heart for the good news of the gospel, how that the Lord Jesus loved him, had died for him, sinner as he was, both to deliver him from Satan's power and to save him from going to hell. Joe found out how real the Lord Jesus was and how great His salvation. How happy his father and mother were when he told them the Lord Jesus had saved him. And he was a humbler, happier Joe from then on.

"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4:7.

**Memory
Verse**

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."
Isa. 53:6

Michika's Prayer



"Father, won't you go to Sunday school with Mother and me?" pleaded Michika, a little Japanese girl.

"No," her father replied.

Many times Michika had asked him to go with her, but he had always refused. Still his little daughter prayed every day, "Dear Lord Jesus, please send Father to Sunday school. I want him to hear about Thee. I want him to trust in Thee and become a Christian."

So Michika and her mother went alone to the gospel meeting. They sang the hymns that Michika loved so much. They listened as the Bible was read and heard the preacher speak about the Lord and His great salvation. Then they all knelt down to pray. Silently Michika again asked Jesus to send her father to hear the gospel.

Little George Who Wanted To Learn



A little negro boy, whose parents were slaves, wanted very much to learn to read and write. In those days his people were not allowed to go to school, but the little fellow went to the schoolhouse anyway. He could not go in, so he sat on the doorstep, and cried.

Then he went into the woods and prayed, "Lord Jesus, please

When Michika and her mother got off their knees, Michika saw someone coming in the door. It looked like her father! She looked closely — yes, it was her father!

He smiled and sat down beside them. There were tears in Mother's eyes — tears of joy.

Father listened closely while the speaker read from the Scriptures: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then the speaker said, "God loves everyone. He wants everyone to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have everlasting life." Michika thought, "God loves Father too."

There were tears in Father's eyes as he listened to the message of love. When the service was over he said he would like to talk with the speaker. "I want to know how to become a Christian," he told him. With joy the evangelist told him he could be saved by believing in the Lord Jesus who died to put his sins away. Not long after Father confessed Him as his Saviour. Michika's joy knew no bounds. God had honored her faith.

"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

help me to go to school. I want to learn to read and write. Please fix it so I can learn."

God answered little George's prayer. A kind lady that very day gave him a spelling book which he studied earnestly. Then later he did go to school, and finally he went to college. He became a famous scientist. He was a great blessing to his own poor people and to this whole nation as well.

His name was George Washington Carver.

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

Bobby



HE WAS only a little fellow and he was very very sick when he was admitted to the hospital. The nurses felt sure he would not live long.

The doctors thought so too but one of them suggested a very serious operation in hopes that it might save his life. A number of students were waiting to watch the operation when the little fellow was wheeled in.

Bobby was afraid. Everything and everyone looked so strange. "Could anyone pray for me?" he asked anxiously. "A wee bit of a prayer would do."

There was no answer. For there was not a praying heart in all that group.

Then the little fellow bowed his head. "Oh, Jesus," he said softly, "be with me now and stand close by." And the Lord Jesus heard his little prayer, for He always hears the prayer of faith. Why not ask Him now for what you need, dear reader, and if it is His will, you will most surely have His gracious answer.

Bobby was put to sleep with an anesthetic and the doctor himself wondered at the speed and skill given to him to perform such a difficult operation. The little life hung in the balance for a time; but God had work for Bobby to do and so he soon recovered a happy, healthy boy.

It is wonderful what God is willing to do in answer to the prayer of faith, and most wonderful of all is that He is willing to take away all our sins if we trust the Lord Jesus as our Saviour.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father might be glorified in the Son." John 14:13

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Psalms 50:15

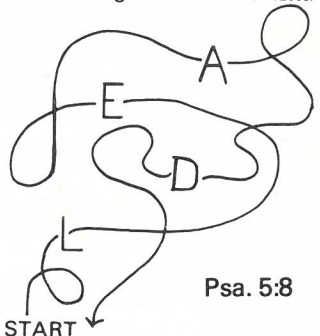
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A BIBLE MESSAGE

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Psalms 5:8

----- me, O Lord.

Bible Talks



The Song of Moses
Deuteronomy 32:19-29

IN THE beginning of his song Moses said that God is "the Rock," and His work is perfect. These two thoughts are very precious to us: God the confidence and refuge of our souls, and His work — the result of His way — perfect. Here faith finds rest and peace.

We see further on in this chapter how this turns out to Israel's salvation. For after they have left Him and turned to other false gods (v. 16), and He in judgment has given them over to their enemies (vs. 20, 25) after they are brought very low (v. 36), He, *for His own sake*, will act in grace on their behalf and will take vengeance on their enemies (v. 43).

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God" so we read in chapter 29:29. That is, when Israel, corrupted and scattered over the face of the earth, when ruined and all hope naturally is gone, there is yet a secret God has hidden among His treasures, and that is the secret of His *grace*. For when humbled and repentant they turn to Him in the coming day, He will come in His sovereign grace and gather them back to their own land again.

"Behold, the LORD God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.

"He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." Isa. 40:10,11.

His love never ceases, even though at times it has to express itself in chastisement.

So for a time He must hide His face from Israel, for they gave Him up for gods that were no gods. They became like the Gentiles in idolatry. They moved God to jealousy, so He tells them He would move them to jealousy by a people whom they despised most of all — poor Gentiles who would be brought into blessing.

How faithfully the Lord warned Israel here! How it grieved His heart to see them follow their sinful ways and the exceeding wickedness of the nations around. And how often do we choose paths of selfwill, to the Lord's dishonor and our own sorrow and loss. These things ought to be a warning to us whose hearts are no better than Israel's; they were written for our learning (Rom. 15:4).

"O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" How touching are the Lord's pleadings with His people! But they were living for the present only, as so many are today.

God appeals to each one to "consider his latter end." Where does the path we are on lead to? Does it lead home to that blessed rest above with Christ in glory? or does it lead one away from God and down to death and eternal judgment? If you do not have Christ, dear reader, do not go on one moment longer without Him. Trust Him now as your Saviour and be sure you are on the heavenly way.

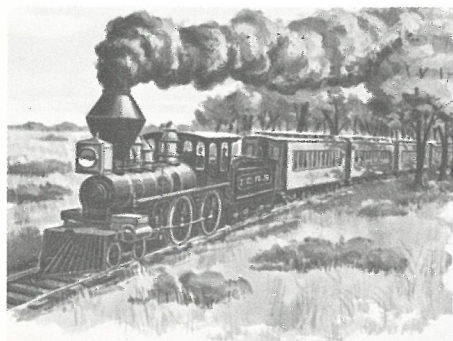
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BECAUSE THOU HAST PUT THY TRUST
IN ME, SAITH THE LORD." Jer. 39:18.**

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Joe Sieg

IT WAS back in the early days of the railroads, when the old-fashioned trains did not have automatic controls like the modern locomotives. There was an open coal car and the engine had a high chimney which often shot out a great shower of sparks. On this particular evening the cars were crowded with passengers. They became aware of an unusual smell of smoke and as they entered "Bergen Cut" there was a strange glare which lit up each carriage. Then the frightening cry was raised, "The train's on fire!"

Looking out the windows, they could see Joe Sieg the engineer ahead in the smoke. Another glimpse, and then he seemed to be swallowed up in a burst of flame. The train was roaring down the cut.

"Who will stop the train?" was the cry. "He'll never do it. We are lost."

But even as they spoke, the speed of the train began to slacken. Slow-

er and slower it ran and finally it stopped. The passengers leaped from their cars.

"Where's Joe Sieg?" some asked. "Is he still alive?"

There lay the brave engineer on the burning tender; he was almost gone. A few more tortured moments and then Joe Sieg died. The passengers were saved.

They never forgot the brave engineer who stayed at his post and stopped the train at the cost of his life. He might have leaped to safety but he chose to die that others might live.

And how could we forget our Saviour, the blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who died that we might live? He was not one of the perishing multitudes. He was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners" (Heb. 7:26); so death could not touch Him. However, He died that we might live. Surely we ought to show our gratitude for what He has done by trusting Him as our Saviour, and then seeking to live for and honor Him the rest of our lives.

"He laid down His life for us." I John 3:16.

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead: and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." II Cor. 5:14,15.

No need now to labour, the work has been done;
To be in God's favour, believe on the Son.

Memory Verse

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all."

1 Tim. 2:5, 6



Ralph was the youngest boy of a family of four. When he was just a wee little fellow his mother had made him a little rag doll. Ralph carried his doll around most every where he went, and at night he always wanted it for company when he went to bed. He called it Susie.

One evening at bedtime Ralph began to cry, "Mommy, I want Susie!"

"Where is Susie, Ralph?" she asked.

"She's on the back porch. She is 'deaded'!"

When Mother went to get Susie she found the little doll was soaking wet; when she held it up its head fell over.

She carried the doll into the bedroom and asked Ralph some questions. She learned that her little boy had "baptized" Susie in the bath just like he had seen his father baptize some believers at the hall.

"Don't cry, Ralph," said Mother. "Susie isn't dead. I'll fix her, and she'll be all right in the morning." Thus comforted, Ralph soon dropped off to sleep.

Mother took the rag doll apart, dried the wet cotton by the stove, stuffed it back in again, sewed it up, and soon Susie was back in business.

When Ralph woke in the morning he was delighted to see that Susie was all right again. She wasn't

"deaded" any more; Mother had fixed her!

One day soon the Lord Jesus is going to raise from the dead all those who have "died in faith" — those who have believed in Him. He tells us in John 11:25: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first." I Thess. 4:16.

Even now He is quickening dead souls, those that hear His voice. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5:25.



One summer day little Jen was playing in a field making a clover necklace.

Suddenly she heard Daddy's voice call out to her: "Be perfectly quiet, Jen, and do not move!" Scared as she was she obeyed and sat there motionless.

A moment later a shot rang out. Turning her head she looked around and there she saw a large rattlesnake coiled near her. Had she moved doubtless the poisonous snake would have struck her before her father could have shot it. Obedience saved her life. Little Jen never forgot that experience, and ever after she was glad she had learned to obey.

The Lord tells us in His Word that obedience and happiness go together. "To obey is better than sacrifice." I Sam. 15:22.

"If ye keep My commandments, Ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments; and abide in His love." John 15:10.

"We Know He Is There!"



The Sunday school lesson that day was on the resurrection and the ascension of the Lord Jesus. Uncle Bill wanted to make sure that the children understood what they had read.

"How do you know that Mother is upstairs?" he asked.

"Because we saw her go up, Uncle," Elaine answered.

"But you only saw her start to go upstairs," said Uncle. "Maybe she didn't get there."

"Yes she did," persisted Timmy. "I know she is there 'cause I went to the bottom of the stairs and called her and she answered."

"But did you see her?" asked Uncle.

"No, but I heard her and she spoke to me. She said my name, and I know her voice," answered Tim emphatically.

"Children," said Uncle Bill, "the disciples saw the Lord Jesus go into heaven. We know that He is there - alive! because the Bible says so. We talk to Him in prayer, and He talks to us. By His Spirit and through His Word He speaks to us and we know it is His voice!"

"While they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:9.

"I am the good Shepherd . . . My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:14, 27

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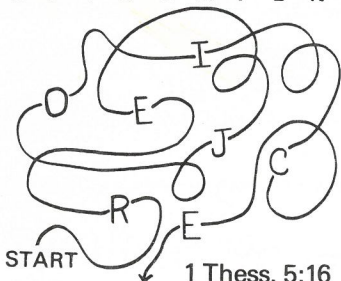
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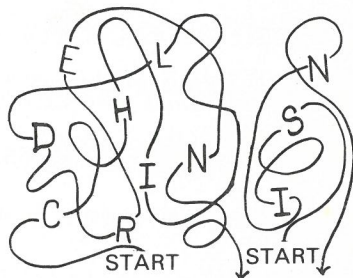
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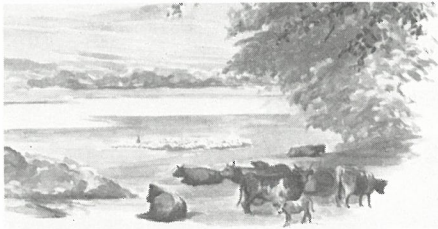
1 Thess. 5:16

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My little -----
not. John 2:1

Bible Talks



The Song of Moses
Deuteronomy 32:30-43

THIS chapter gives the solemn judgment of a people, privileged above all others, but who despised the grace and goodness of God. Israel blessed of the Lord as no other nation, nevertheless slighted His love and turned to other gods. Now they must suffer for it; "For a fire is kindled in Mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell." Here are cast those who forget God.

No other nation has been subjected to such heavy chastening as Israel. Yet grace has spared them, for the Lord said, "Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord hath not done this." God might use their enemies to punish His rebellious, erring people, but He would allow the proud adversary to go only so far. He uses the rod to chasten His children and then He breaks the rod.

"How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?" We read elsewhere the promise that "one of you shall chase a thousand," but here Israel are told *they* would be put to flight by a contemptible enemy, and the reason would be all too plain: because "their Rock had sold them," and delivered them into their enemy's hand.

"For their Rock is not as our Rock." The Lord is unchangeable;

He never ceased to be the Rock, no matter what His poor failing people might become, and this their enemies knew only too well.

But the day will come when He will in His grace and pity take up His people Israel again, though this cannot be until after the Church has been gathered out and called home to heaven. Then, "when He seeth their power gone, and there is none shut up, or left," He says, "I will render vengeance to Mine enemies, and will reward them that hate Me." Israel's enemies will be *His* enemies in that day of judgment.

Israel will be brought into blessing, but the Gentiles will also be brought to rejoice with them in the Lord's grace and mercy. Thus we read:

"Rejoice, O ye nations, with His people: for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries, and will be merciful unto His land, and to His people." v. 43.

So Moses' song ends with the beautiful picture of the millennial day of blessing which is drawing near, when the little nation of Israel shall call upon all the saved from among the Gentiles to rejoice together in giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good and because His mercy endureth forever.

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

"For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 117.

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LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH."**

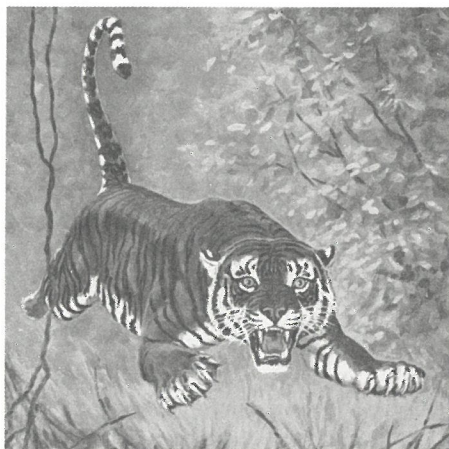
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Too Late

IN INDIA one day a man went out hunting tigers up in the hills. After some time he sighted one of the great beasts, and taking careful aim with his gun he fired. The tiger was hit but not in a vital spot.

The man fired again and again the tiger was hit. The next thing the infuriated animal was making for him. He had three shells left. The first two whizzed through the air but missed. Taking the greatest possible care the hunter fired his last shell. Alas, the tiger was bearing down on him and in his excitement he missed again.

He ran for his life, hoping to reach a nearby refuge hut, the tiger gaining on him with every leap. He reached the hut, but was horrified to find the door was locked. Oh, if he only had a key! Why wasn't the door left open? Even as he desperately tried to force it open the enraged beast was on him. The

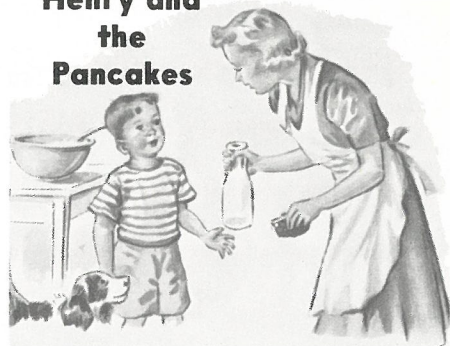
next day a rescue party found all that was left of the poor hunter.

Thank God, dear reader, the door of salvation is not locked like that one in the jungle. "Flee from the wrath to come!" "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2. Jesus is the only place of safety from the judgment of your sins. Safe forevermore are all those who trust Him as their Saviour. That judgment can never touch one who has fled to Christ for refuge.

Perhaps you are on the very threshold, like the man in the jungle. But the threshold is no place of safety. You must be inside to be safe. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Door, by Me if any man enter he shall be saved." John 10:9.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

Henry and the Pancakes



MOTHER HAD made pancakes for breakfast that morning. Little Henry ate one after another for he liked pancakes. Then Mother said, "Henry, you mustn't eat any more, or you will get sick."

**Memory
Verse**

Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:22

After breakfast Mother set the leftover pancakes on the stove and went into the living room to do some mending and dusting. A few minutes later she saw Henry coming from the kitchen, his eyes tightly shut and his hands behind his back. He walked right past Mother. Then she saw he had in his hands several pancakes.

"Henry, what do you have?" she asked.

"You can't see me," replied the little fellow.

"Oh, but I can," said Mother. "You have your eyes shut and you can't see me, but I can see you. Now take those pancakes back to the kitchen. You are a bad boy!"

Little Henry was like some people — they think that God can't see the bad things they do. But they are wrong. God sees *everything* we do, and what's more, He knows every thought in our hearts.

At first those hearts were black with sin, and only the blood of Jesus can cleanse those sins away. How happy for us if we take Him as our Saviour. Then those hearts become His dwelling place by the Spirit, and God looks down and sees Christ there.

"Thou God seest me." Gen. 16:13.

All Day and Every Day

"EVERY DAY will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name forever and ever". Psalm 145:2

"His compassions fail not. They are new EVERY MORNING: great is Thy faithfulness". Lam. 3:22,23

"It is good to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O MOST HIGH: to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness EVERY NIGHT". Psalm 92:1,2

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me ALL THE DAYS of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever".

Psalm 23:6

In But Not Out



I remember when I was a little boy, how my mother would draw me to her knee and speak to me so solemnly of the importance of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I would say, "Well, Mamma, I would like to do it, but the boys will all laugh at me."

Mother used to say, "Harry, remember, they may laugh you into hell, but they can never laugh you out of it." And oh, how that used to go home to me, and it stayed with me all through the years. Yes, men may sneer and ridicule and persecute us as we come out for Christ, but after all, His is the only approval worth having.

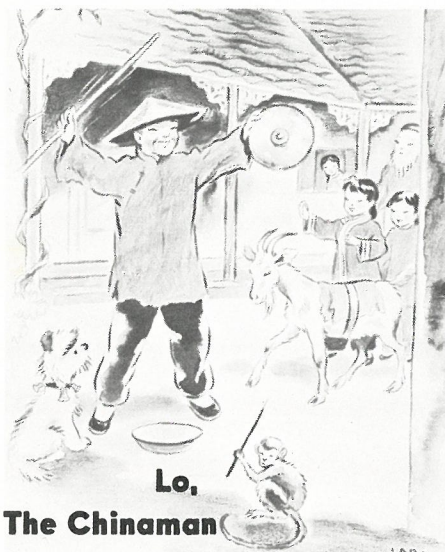
"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12:1.

A Bartender Converted



Eddie Thomas was a bartender in an Anderson, Indiana, tavern when he was converted. He attributed the first step to a placard tacked on a telephone pole to advertise some gospel meetings. Directly in front of the tavern where Mr. Thomas was employed was a card reading, "Get right with God." He said his attention became riveted to the card and its command, so that he could not rest. One day he walked from behind the bar, went to the meeting, and has not been in any tavern since.

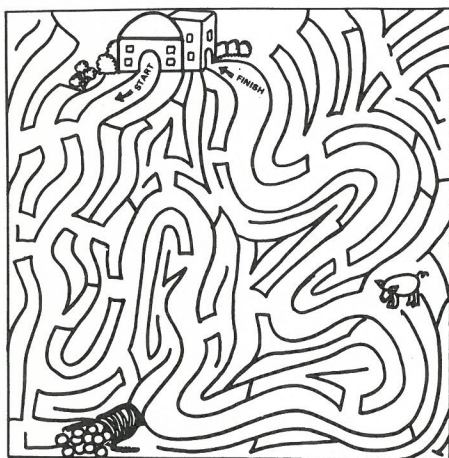
"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.



Lo was just a poor sinner but he had never heard of the Lord Jesus, and of His precious blood that cleanses from all sin. He hoped that somehow his idols could take care of him, but still the burden of sins seemed to grow heavier and heavier.

The Prodigal Son

The prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32 left home one day. Help him through his journeys; he wants to reach home again.

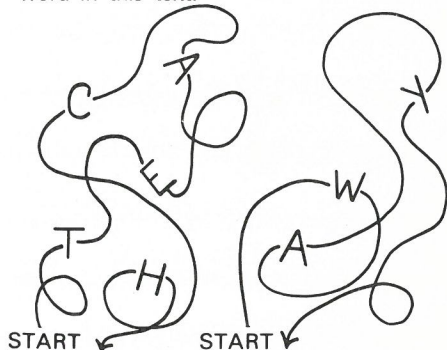


One day he heard of the Lord Jesus, and he longed to know more about Him. He started going to Sunday school and very soon he learned that the Lord Jesus loved and died for sinners. This was really good news! Gladly he knelt down and accepted the Lord Jesus as his own Saviour, and he knew that all his sins were gone! He was eager to learn to read, so that he might learn more about Him. His favorite verse was, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

One day as he was reading the last chapter of Matthew, he came upon a most wonderful verse. He could hardly believe his eyes — there was his own name! Over and over he read the wonderful words, "Lo, I am with you always." Lo believed that the Lord Jesus had spoken these words just for him. And indeed the Lord does want you and me, and Lo too, to accept it as a wonderful and true promise to every one who trusts in Him.

A BIBLE MESSAGE

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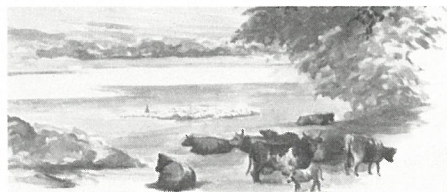
----- me Thy -----, O Lord.
Psa. 27:11

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Deuteronomy 32:44

IT IS lovely to see that the last thing Moses did on earth was to sing a song of the goodness of God. How precious a theme! And how blest are we, as those taught by grace, if we are in this same happy spirit.

Through every period of my life

Thy goodness I'll pursue;

The desert past, in glory bright,

The precious theme renew.

How often do we find the goodness of God celebrated in the Scriptures. The Spirit of God delights to dwell upon it and to occupy our minds with this same blessed theme.

David said: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of God in the land of the living"; "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, . . . for He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Then in the New Testament we read that it is "the goodness of God" that leads to repentance (Rom. 2:4). They who have proved His goodness and grace are best suited to tell it out to others.

A dear brother, now with the Lord, used to remark that the last book of the Psalms is the backward look of Israel in a coming day; they are dwelling on all the gracious goodness of God toward them, and it is all praise. So with us, when at home in the glory with Christ we too will look back, and it will be all praise.

Moses spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people — he and Joshua. Both the old leader and the new guide are seen together here, for God would have Joshua also to fully enter into the meaning of this wonderful song. God's greatness, His power and grace are brought out on the one hand, and man's complete ruin on the other. God will intervene in power and grace just before the millennium; Israel's blessing waits on this. All is over with the first Man; there is no blessing apart from Christ.

Moses told the people to set their hearts to do and to teach their children all the words of this law. Thus from first to last in this wonderful book he presses on them obedience to the Lord.

"For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life." We are not under law; the thunders of Sinai are not sounding in our ears now since Jesus died. Nevertheless obedience and happiness go hand and hand all through our Christian life. Our whole duty is to walk in simple obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we now belong.

"Because it is your life." What else is worth living for but Christ? May we know more of the blessedness of those words — "for to me to live is Christ." Phil. 1:21.

Giving and Taking

Christ's Declaration:

"I WILL GIVE" says the Lord, "unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely".

Rev. 21:6

Christ's Invitation:

"LET HIM TAKE" says the Lord, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely".

Rev. 22:17

Faith's Response:

"I WILL TAKE" says the trusting soul, "the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord".

Psalms 116:13

Messages of the Love of God



The Lady and Her Clock

A lady had a very fine clock. It chimed the hours beautifully, but it also played a lovely tune like a bird singing.

One day her clock stopped. She took it to several watchmakers but none of them could make it go.

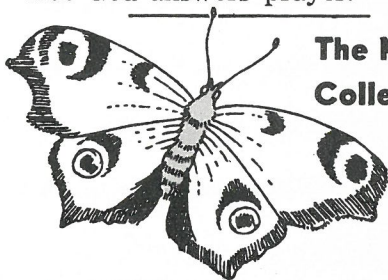
At last she took it to a Christian watchmaker. Soon he had it chiming the hours again, but it would not play its tune. The lady was disappointed.

When she again appealed to the watchmaker he said, "If you will leave the clock with me, I'll pray about it. Perhaps God will show me what is wrong.

Now this lady was one of those people who do not believe in God. She didn't think there was any use praying about it, but she left the clock anyway.

The watchmaker knelt down and asked God to show him what was wrong with the clock. God answered his prayer, and soon the clock was playing its lovely tune again.

The lady was overjoyed. She exclaimed, "Now I know that there is a God, for no one but He could have told you what to do." And this was not all. She wished to know more about the God who hears and answers prayer, and before long she learned of His love in sending His only begotten Son who died for sinners. She trusted in the Lord Jesus as her Saviour believing that He had died for her. Thus she knew her sins were forgiven, and she proved for herself that God answers prayer.



The Moth Collector

A MOTH collector made a special journey to the coast to collect some specimens of moths not to be found elsewhere.

Shortly after sunset he proceeded along the top of the cliff, armed with a pot of syrup and a brush.

Whenever he came to a thistle, he just daubed it slightly with the syrup and passed on. About midnight he returned along the same path, but this time provided with a lantern. As he stepped from thistle to thistle, his innocent victims were found clustering round the syrup, and fell, an easy prey, into the collector's hands.

What a solemn picture this is of how Satan catches his victims! He too stalks through the land with his pot of syrup, daubing the pleasures of sin with a delusive sweetness, and soon after his victims hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, forget about their terrible danger.

Dear young friends, if you are yet unsaved, don't let sin, that sweet morsel upon which you have fed so long, take you into a lost eternity. Turn to the Lord Jesus now, and be saved. You will find in Him a Saviour who will wash away all your sins in His own precious blood and bring you safe home to heaven.

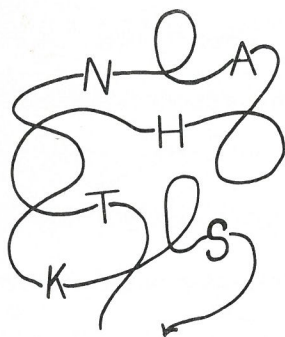
"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS

If you are between the ages of five and nine years, there is a hidden message for you in this diagram. Starting at the left of the top row and working toward the right, find all the times your age is shown and put down the letters in each case in order on the line shown. This will be your message from the Bible.

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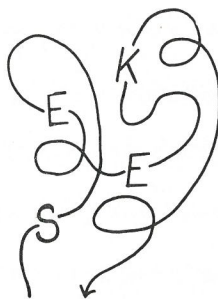


Start

Give ----- unto the Lord.
1 Chron. 16:8

A BIBLE MESSAGE

Follow the lines to help you find the missing words in these texts.



Start



Start

----- the Lord and His
-----, ... continually.
1 Chron. 16:11

Godly Talk and Godly Walk



JOHN BUNYAN made his living going about mending pots and pans. At the time he was not a Christian, in fact he had been a wild reckless youth and swore dreadfully. One day he was standing in front of a shop window and swearing as usual. The woman who kept the store, though she herself was not the best character in the village by any means, came out and rebuked him sharply, saying his example was enough to spoil all the youth in the place. Poor John was so ashamed of his conduct and went away silent and down-cast.

John tried hard to give up swearing. After a few weeks he found he could speak better, without putting a swear word before every sentence and another after it. He also began to read the Bible and at times he would have a very good opinion of himself.

He tried keeping the Ten Com-

mandments, thinking he might get to heaven this way. Now and then he thought he had kept them pretty well and felt encouraged, almost happy in fact; but then when he had broken one he would repent and say he was sorry, and begin again. His efforts at law keeping proved wearisome and hopeless.

But one day as he sat in a doorway mending some pots, he overheard the conversation of two godly women nearby. To his surprise they seemed to be quite sure that through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ they had received the forgiveness of sins. They spoke of the love of God and of the preciousness of Christ, and of the delight they found in reading the Word of God and prayer. They spoke with such joy and there was such grace in all they said that to John they were as persons who had found a new world.

Later on John went back and talked with these dear souls and they became his first friends. They did what they could to help him find what he longed for — peace with God. The time came when John did find joy and peace in believing in the Lord Jesus and His finished work on the cross. He found salvation to be a free gift from God and he rejoiced in the knowledge that God for Christ's sake had pardoned all his sins. He wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a book that has been a mighty power for good for over 300 years and is still read by many people around the world.

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

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Deuteronomy 32:48-52

AND THE LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day (that is, the day he sang that wonderful song), saying: Get thee up into this mountain . . . and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel . . . and die in the mount whither thou goest up . . . Because ye trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh . . . Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither."

Moses had failed at the waters of Meribah (or strife), for there he lost his patience with the rebellious people and so did not sanctify God in the midst of Israel. God had told him to take Aaron's rod that budded (beautiful type of Christ in resurrection and priestly grace) and simply *speak* to the rock, but in his anger Moses took his own rod (the rod of judgment) and smote the rock twice. God did not hold back the blessing for the waters gushed out, but Moses had spoiled one of the sweetest types of Scripture, and Moses' loss of Canaan was the penalty for that one fault. God could not pass over it.

Moses thus became in his own self an example of the condemning power of the law which He himself gave to Israel. "For all have sinned," we read in Romans 3:23, "and come short of the glory of God." Moses came short of the requirement of the glory of leading the people into the land. Nevertheless his submission to the will of God is very beautiful and he holds back nothing in transferring his office and dignity to Joshua.

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," so we read in John 1:17. God must chasten Moses for his failure, but He does not fail in His grace to His precious servant, for He makes all things work together for good to those that love Him (Rom. 8:28). If Moses lost in one way, he gained immensely more in another. He did not lose anything in nearness to the Lord, for God Himself took him up to the top of Pisgah and showed him all that beautiful land, its breadth and length.

Then too he was spared the grief of seeing the unfaithfulness of the people, their sin and idolatry, after they had entered in and possessed the land.

Who can doubt that Moses must have felt on Mount Pisgah away from the people's murmurings and strife that God meant more to Him there than all the land of Canaan, or the privilege of leading Israel into it. In a later day the thief on the cross said to the Saviour beside him, "Lord, remember me, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom"; but the Lord said to him, as it were, "I have something better for you than that. To-day shalt thou be *with Me* in Paradise." (Luke 23:42, 43). The kingdom and its glories are surely coming by and by, but what can compare to being forever at the side of the dear Saviour Himself.

William Wilberforce

When William Wilberforce was dying, he said to a dear friend:

"Come, let us talk of heaven. Do not weep for me. I am very happy. But I never knew what happiness was till I found Christ as my Saviour. Read the Bible. Let no other book take its place. Through all my trials and perplexities, it has been my comfort. And I know it comforts me, and make me happy."